

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Previously presented) A grid for use in a lead-acid battery, comprising ~~positive and negative plates and a separator positioned between said positive and negative plates, said positive plates having a grid of an alloy comprising about 0.025% to 0.065% calcium, about 0.4% to 1.9% tin, about 0.02% to 0.045% silver, and the remainder lead, the percentages being by weight of the alloy, said grid being of an alloy strip comprising an  $\alpha$ -lead rich phase having a face centered cubic structure.~~

2. (Currently amended) The battery grid of claim 1, wherein the ~~rolled~~ alloy strip has been heat-aged at a temperature of about 200°F to 500°F for a time to increase the population of special grain boundaries ~~in the rolled strip~~.